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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner who strongly supports broadband competition. I recently switched to a local provider of gigabit fiber internet service for both my home and my small business after years of suffering with a larger company that only provided DSL and charged more money for less internet speed, along with horrible customer service. I think the openly competitive market is extremely important to keep a few large companies from dominating the market by spending all their profits on lobbying government regulators instead of serving their customers and giving them fair rates.

Fast and reliable broadband service is critical for my landscape design business, where many of the files I work on daily are stored on the cloud. Gone are the days of constantly printing drawings, everything is sent by the internet, and drawing files tend to be large and need good internet connections for uploading and downloading.

If I did not have the ability to choose Sonic as my provider my business would suffer.

Thank you

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